average success rate of new sputum positive cases put on treatment in the above 8 districts as per quarterly report of first quarter of 2002 is 85% whcih is as per the set target.

Anti-cancer Drug

1221. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Dr. Reddy's anti-cancer drug trials successful", which appeared in the Asian Age, dated 14th May, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what further action is to be taken to market the drug on a commercial scale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Based on the recommendations of Expert Committee headed by Director General, ICMR, Dr. Reddy's Laboratory was allowed to conduct Phase-I clinical trial with their anti-cancer drug DRF-1042 on 3rd October, 2000.

DRF-1042 is an orally active comptothecin analogue claimed to have promising cytotoxic activity. On 5th July, 2002, Dr. Reddy's Laboratory has submitted phase-I clinical trial report alongwith proposed phase-II clinicat trial protocol for DRF-1042. Reports of phase-I trial alongwith phase-II protocol is under process of evaluation.

(c) Marketing of said drug on commercial scale will be considered only after successful completion of Phase-II and phase-III clinical trial and quality control testing report from Central Drug Laboratory.

Ban on smoking in Delhi

1222. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that ban on smoking at public places in Delhi which is in vogue for the last five years, has been ineffective; and